

High Court Benches

498. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH :
SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR :
SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN :
SHRIMATI KAMAL RANI :

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Benches of some High Courts in the country are inactive;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether memoranda/requests, have been received by the Government during the last three years for setting up of new Benches of some High Courts and reviving inactive benches of High Courts in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action being taken by the Government on each proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP) : (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e) Representations have been received from time to time from various Bar Associations, Bar Councils,

Members of Central and State Legislatures, other organisations and individuals, etc. for establishing Benches of various High Courts at places away from their principal seats. Necessary action in the matter is taken by the Central Government only when a specific, complete proposal is received from the concerned State Government, in consultation with the Chief Justice of the concerned High Court. No such proposal is pending with the Central Government.

[Translation]

Export of Fruits, Vegetables and Flowers

499. SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI :
DR. M.P. JAISWAL :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity and value of fruits, vegetables and flowers exported during the last three years; item-wise; and

(b) the steps being taken by the Government to boost the export of such items?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (DR. BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) The quantity and value of fruits, vegetables and flowers exported during the last three years are as follows:

Quantity : In Metric Tons; Value : in Rupees Crores

		1994-95		1995-96		1996-97	
		Qty	Value	Qty	Value	Qty	Value
1.	Fruits	88255	123.88	102778	147.55	NA*	249.33
2.	Vegetables	459832	248.74	434401	301.19	NA*	342.85
3.	Flowers (including floriculture products)	NA*	38.83	NA*	60.14	NA*	61.80

*The details of quantity exported are not available.

The major items exported are mangose and grapes; fresh onions and potatoes; and cut flowers. The details of export figures of various items of fruits, vegetables and flowers are available in the Annual Number of Monthly Statistics of Foreign Trade of India published by the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Calcutta, copies of which are supplied to the Parliament Library.

(b) Some of the schemes under which assistance is provided to growers/exporters to enhance exports of agricultural items including fruits, vegetables and flowers are as under:

- (i) Provision of financial assistance for development of infrastructural facilities such as purchase of specialised transport units, establishment of precooking/cold storage facilities;